

Virginia Board of Education
Student Advisory Committee
Minutes: February 27, 2007

Students in Attendance:

Katlyn Allen, James River High School; Adam Baker, Tabb High School; Brian Bills, Charlottesville High School; Rachel Chitwood, Pulaski County High School; Emma Horton, West Point High School; Jeremy Jones, Bailey Bridge Middle School; Paula Lewis, Lynnhaven Middle School; Justin Scott, Franklin County High School; Shelton Seaborn, Jr., Greensville County High School; Anna Skubel, George Washington Middle School; Monique Sturdivant, T.C. Williams High School; and Kenzie VanDerwerker, Bedford Middle School.

Department of Education Staff in Attendance:

Dr. Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., Anne Wescott, Michelle Vucci, Michelle Parker, Melissa Velazquez

Virginia Board of Education Members in Attendance:

Eleanor Saslaw and Isis Castro

Mrs. Castro and Mrs. Saslaw welcomed the members of the Student Advisory Committee. Speakers from the Virginia Department of Education presented information to the committee regarding the three issues that were selected for this year. Jo Ann Burkholder, Safe and Drug Free Schools Specialist, spoke on improvement of drug awareness/prevention; Kathleen Smith, Director of School Improvement, spoke on closing the achievement gap; and Helen Small, Foreign Language Specialist, spoke on foreign language and cultural awareness. Mrs. Castro also offered comments on this topic. Dr. Cannaday, Superintendent of Public Instruction, then shared some comments with the group.

After lunch, the Student Advisory Committee convened in their three work groups to discuss the research they had done since the January meeting and the information that had been presented in the morning, and to develop a brief statement for presentation to the Board of Education at its meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. The entire committee then reconvened to listen to reports on each work group's progress and their proposed statements for the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26 and 27, 2007.